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The House met at 2 p.m.

The Reverend Michael J. Cronin, student, the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., and priest, Diocese of Winona, Minnesota, offered the following prayer:

Almighty and eternal God, in Your great mercy, You have revealed Your glory to all the nations. Let the light of Your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress and shine forth in all these proceedings and laws framed for our government. May those who serve in this body be enabled by Your powerful protection to discharge their duties with honesty and integrity. May they seek to preserve peace, promote national happiness, and continue to bring us the blessings of liberty and equality. May all people in this great land be preserved in union and peace and, after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal. We pray to You, who are Lord and God, forever and ever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TRAFICANT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced

that the Senate has passed a bill and concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 700. An act to establish a Federal inter-agency task force for the purpose of coordinating actions to prevent the outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (commonly known as "mad cow disease") and foot-and-mouth disease in the United States.

S. Con. Res. 7. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should establish an international education policy to further national security, foreign policy, and economic competitiveness, promote mutual understanding and cooperation among nations, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 23. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the involvement of the Government of Libya in the terrorist bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 83. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for the fiscal year 2002, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of the fiscal years 2003 through 2011.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the resolution (H. Con. Res. 83) "Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2011," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints

Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. BOND, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. SARBANES, and Mrs. MURRAY, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 100-696, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) as a member of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 94-118, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, reappoints the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI) to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 94-118, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, reappoints the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission.

### WELCOME TO REVEREND MICHAEL CRONIN

(Mr. GUTKNECHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, we are delighted to welcome the Reverend Michael Cronin today as our guest chaplain. Father Cronin was born and raised in Rochester, Minnesota, and graduated in 1988 from St. John's University in Collegeville. After graduation, Father Cronin came to Washington, D.C. to work as a staff assistant to my predecessor, Congressman Tim Penny.

In 1990, Father Cronin returned to Minnesota to begin his studies for the priesthood. Father Cronin was ordained in June of 1995 and went on to serve as assistant pastor at his home parish, the Church of St. Pius X in Rochester.

During this time, he also served as a chaplain and instructor at Lourdes High School. In 1998, Father Cronin was assigned to the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Winona, Minnesota, where he also served as chaplain at the Newman Center of Winona State University.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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Last year, Father Cronin began full-time studies in the Department of Canon Law at the Catholic University of America here in Washington, D.C. Upon completion, he hopes to return to the Diocese of Winona.

Permit me, Mr. Speaker, to thank Father Cronin for serving as our guest chaplain today and for his service to the young people of the First District of Minnesota.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, April 9, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 9, 2001 at 9:43 a.m.

That the Senate PASSED without amendment H. Con. Res. 43.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

MARTHA MORRISON,  
*Deputy Clerk of the House.*

#### APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS TO UNITED STATES-CHINA SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 1238(b) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2001 (PL 106-398) and the order of the House of Wednesday, April 4, 2001, the Speaker on Thursday, April 5, 2001, appointed the following members on the part of the House to the United States-China Security Review Commission:

Mr. Stephen D. Bryen, Maryland;  
Ms. June Teufel Dreyer, Florida; and  
Mr. James R. Lilley, Maryland.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER OF THE HONORABLE JAMES A. LEACH, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Jill Rohret, district scheduler to the Honorable JAMES A. LEACH, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
April 5, 2001.

Hon. DENNIS J. HASTERT,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,* Washington,  
DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the District Court for Iowa, Johnson County.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that it is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House to comply with the subpoena.

Sincerely,

JILL ROHRET,  
*District Scheduler.*

#### COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER OF THE HONORABLE JAMES A. LEACH, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Rachel Schrepferman, staff assistant to the Honorable JAMES A. LEACH, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
April 6, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,* Washington,  
DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the District Court for Iowa, Johnson County.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that it is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House to comply with the subpoena.

Sincerely,

RACHEL SCHREPFERMAN,  
*Staff Assistant.*

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE BRAD SHERMAN, MEM- BER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable BRAD SHERMAN, Member of Congress:

BRAD SHERMAN,

24th District, California, April 18, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives,* Washington,  
DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a civil subpoena for documents issued by the Municipal Court for Los Angeles County, California.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that it is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House to comply with the subpoena.

Sincerely,

BRAD SHERMAN,  
*Member of Congress.*

#### MILLIONAIRE'S TRIP TO SPACE STATION IS LATEST EXAMPLE OF RUSSIANS TAKING NASA'S MANAGEMENT TO CLEANERS

(Mr. SENSENBRENNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today disappointed by the news that NASA has again acquiesced to inappropriate Russian demands to the Space Station program. Russia will be sending Dennis Tito, a 60-year-old American millionaire, as one of its contributions to this week's mission to the Space Station.

What unique characteristics does Mr. Tito possess that earned his place on this mission? Cold hard cash. \$20 million of it from Mr. Tito to the Russians is all it took for a rocket-powered trip to the Space Station. Unfortunately, this partnership based on a core scientific mission apparently is now the

next Club Med for those able to pony up millions of dollars to the Russian Government.

So how is it that the Russians, whose Station nonperformance cost the U.S. taxpayers at least 2 years' delay and over \$5 billion in cost overruns, can brazenly increase the safety risk of the entire mission? They can because NASA's management did not provide the necessary safeguards earlier in this so-called partnership. NASA's forced acquiescence to Russia regarding Mr. Tito is just the latest example of the Russians taking NASA's management to the cleaners.

#### AMERICA HAS BEEN BETRAYED BY JANET RENO AND FATCATS AT TOP, AND THERE HAS NOT EVEN BEEN AN INVESTIGATION

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, why does China really need our spy plane? Think about it. John Huang and James Riady and the Lippo Group, they already bought and sold all the secrets. What they did not buy and spy, the former administration gave it to them outright.

That is right. Let us tell it like it is. I believe America has been betrayed by Janet Reno and fatcats at the top, and there has not even been an investigation. Beam me up. If there is one good thing about all this, China is not going to learn anything because most of the equipment probably in that spy plane was made in China like everything else.

I yield back the fact that Congress should rescind and cancel permanent trade relations with China until China looks Uncle Sam in the eye and starts to get truthful.

#### FURNITURE MARKET FACTS

(Mr. COBLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, High Point, North Carolina, is known far and wide as the furniture capital of the world. High Point is hosting this week the largest wholesale home furnishing show in the world, where approximately 80,000 industry professionals have come from 50 States and 110 countries to buy, sell, and discuss furniture.

The market was established in 1921 when 149 American companies organized their own show at a location central to the country's leading furniture manufacturers, and that is High Point, North Carolina.

We extend best wishes to those at High Point this week for a successful market and extend furthermore a cordial welcome for all to return to High Point in the fall, in October specifically, for the fall market.